

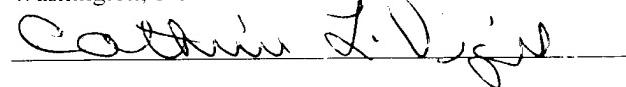
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Applicant: Peter Neubauer et al : Paper No.:

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For: **Method for Increasing the Yield of Recombinant Proteins in Microbial Fermentation Processes**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-9 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) Method for increasing the yield of recombinant protein in a microbial fermentation process, wherein the concentration of a carbon / energy source in the culture is oscillatingly reduced or increased in short cycles.

2. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the oscillations are generated by changing a dosage rate of a feed solution containing the carbon/energy source.